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Discounts at Caribbean Resorts, Even in High Season

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It's high season in most tropical destinations, but a few deals can be found, especially at all-inclusive resorts.

Club Med is offering 50 percent off at its resorts worldwide. Most require a three-night minimum stay and must be booked before Jan. 10 for travel through June 24. Rates start at \$119 a person a day. The resort chain is also offering up to \$300 a person credit for airfare to its resorts in Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic and Ixtapa and Cancun in Mexico, also subject to a three-night minimum stay.

In the Bahamas, Meliá Nassau Beach All-Inclusive is offering rooms up to 20 percent off, complimentary airport transfers and a \$400 resort credit to travelers who book at the website and register for the company's loyalty program. Before the discount, rooms start at \$167 at the beachfront resort, and the offer runs through March 31.

Holland America Line cruises is offering a "View & Verandah" deal through the end of February in which travelers will get a stateroom upgrade and onboard spending credit up to \$500 per stateroom. Rates start at \$699 for a seven-day Caribbean cruise that includes a \$100 per cabin credit; available March 30, 2017, to April 28, 2018.

In San Juan, P.R., the Condado Vanderbilt Hotel is offering 20 percent off rooms that normally start at \$350. Book before April 1 for stays through April 30.

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